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**Fuel Assembly Nozzleless Handling Tool And
Method**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 6, 2004 for the above-identified application.

No additional fees are believed due. However, if any fees are due the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account No. 11-0600 for such fees. A copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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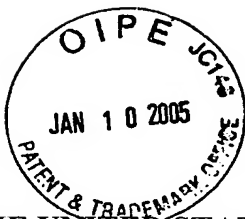
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

This paper addresses the Office Action dated December 6, 2004.

REMARKS

The Office Action of December 6, 2004 states that the present application includes claims directed to the following inventions:

Group 1, claims 1 to 4.

Group 2, claims 5 and 15.

Applicants were required to elect a single group under 35 U.S.C. 121.

In response, Applicant respectfully elects Group I, claims 1 to 4.

FEES

While no fee is due in conjunction with this submission the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.